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And also, how Man and Woman fell from the Living God; and how the Serpent became the God of the World. And how God was the Teacher of Man and Woman, who made Man and Woman Perfect: And when they forsook God's Teaching, and followed the Serpent's Teaching, they became Unperfect. And how Christ cometh to destroy the Devil, and bring Man and Woman under God's Teaching again, who taught them in the beginning. And how the Son of Perdition did appear. And what the Glory of the World is, that the Devil would have given to Christ, if he would have Worshipped him. And how the World's God came to have a Kingdom, and what it standeth in, and must have an end: And what Christ's Kingdom stands in, which hath no end. And how the Gospel is Bad News to the World's God; but Good News to them that believe. And how the Old Testament was read among the *Jews* in their Mother-Tongue; and so ought all the *Christians* to read the New Testament among the *Christians* in their Mother-Tongue.

With some *Queries* for all to consider of, in the latter-end of this Book; and other remarkable things, which are too large to mention in the Title-Page.

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THE Lord God of Heaven and Earth, who is the Creator and Maker of all things therein, which created and made all things good; so he is the Great Lord of all, both of things in Heaven and things in the Earth; and therefore all things are to be subject to the Great Lord, especially Man and Woman, whom he made in his own Likeness and Image.

So he is called God Almighty over all his Works; and the Lord God Almighty to Oversee all his Works, who is present every where, God the Father, who is the Nourisher and Preserver of all Creatures that he hath made, and takes Care for all, who gives Life, Being and Breath unto all, and made the Earth to be inhabited, and placed Man upon it, who is the God of the Spirits of all Flesh. So he hath given Man and Woman a Spirit and Breath to dwell upon the Face of the Earth, and to serve and worship him in: So that the Earth is the Lord's, and the Fulness thereof; and Man and Woman is the Lord's, which he made in his Image, who gave all the Creatures into the Hands of Man and Woman, which are his, to serve Men and Women; and Men and Women to worship and serve God, and not to serve the Creatures, but their Creator; nor to make Images, or Likenesses, or Gods of any Creature that

God Almighty had created; but that they all ſhould ſerve Man and Woman, and Man and Woman to ſerve God the Creator, who is above the Creatures.

For God placed Man and Woman (whom he had made in his Likeneſs) above all the reſt of the Creatures that he had made, and in his Power gave them Dominion.

So when God Almighty had made and created all things, he ſaw that they were good, yea, very good, and bleſſed them; and made Man and Woman in his own Image and Likeneſs, and ſet them in Dominion above all that he made, and they were made good and perfect, and he bleſſed them.

So man and Woman were happy, bleſt, perfect and good, and all that God made and created was very good and bleſt, and ſo ſtood as long as Man and Woman ſtood in the Counſel of God, and in Obedience to his Heavenly Voice and Command, and ſo was happy, bleſt, good and perfect, and was not burdened, nor did not groan, neither Man nor Woman, nor the Creation under the Bondage of Corruption.

For there was nothing that made them groan ſo long as Man and Woman ſtood in the Righteouſneſs and Holineſs that God Almighty made them in, and obeyed his Voice and Command.

Now you may ſay, *Then how came in the Curſe and Imperfection, and the Bondage and Corruption, that maketh both the Creation and Man and Woman thus to Groan?*

I ſay, As long as Man and Woman ſtood in God's Counſel, and in Obedience to his Word, and Wiſdom, and Power, by which all things were made and created, they ſtood in the perfect, good and bleſſed Eſtate, and in the Dominion, in God's Righteous Holy Image and Likeneſs, which did neither corrupt nor burden themſelves nor the Creation, but ſtood bleſſed and perfect in their Good Eſtate, which God, who is only Good, had placed them in.

And likewiſe, all the Creation ſtood in its bleſſed and good Eſtate, as God Almighty had made it in, who is good, and made all good, perfect and bleſſed.

And the Lord God gave a general Liberty to Man and Woman, and

and a Dominion; and ſaid, *Freely ye may eat of the Fruit of the Trees of the Garden*, and limited them only from eating of the Fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil; ſaying, *In the Day that ye eat thereof, ye ſhall ſurely dye.*

Now the Devil, the Serpent, that abode not in the Truth, who was an Enemy to man's Proſperity and Happineſs, that Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, which God Almighty had forbidden Man and Woman to eat of, and told them, *In the day that they did eat thereof, they ſhould dye*, that did the Serpent make his Text of to beguile and deceive Man and Woman with, which God had forbidden Man and Woman to eat of. And he being more ſubtil than any Beaſt of the Field, he ſaid unto the Woman by way of Queſtion, *Yea*, ſaid he, *hath God ſaid, ye ſhall not eat of every Tree of the Garden*? ſo the ſubtil Serpent comes to tempt afar off, at the firſt ſpeaking in general, as to other Trees as well as this Tree of Knowledge: But the Woman anſwered him wiſely at firſt; if ſhe had kept ſo, ſhe had kept her Simplicity; *We may eat* (ſaid ſhe) *of the Fruit of the Trees of the Garden; but the Fruit of the Tree in the midſt of the Garden, God hath ſaid, ye ſhall not eat, neither ſhall ye touch it, leſt ye dye.*

And then the Serpent ſaid unto the Woman, *Ye ſhall not ſurely dye; for God doth know* (ſaid the Serpent) *in the day that you eat thereof your Eyes ſhall be opened, and ye ſhall be as Gods knowing Good and Evil.*

Now here as Chriſt ſaid, *He was a Lyar and a Murderer from the Beginning, who abode not in the Truth, becauſe there is no Truth in him; and when he ſpeaks a Lye, he ſpeaks of his own, for he is a Lyar and the Father of it.* So he was the Father of this Lye, which *Eve* and *Adam* believed, and ſo came under the Curſe and Condemnation, and loſt their bleſſed ſtate; who inſtead of having their Eyes opened, by diſobeying God, the God of Truth, the World's God out of Truth blinded them.

And when the Woman ſaw it was good for Food, and pleaſant to the Eyes, and a Tree to be deſired to make one wiſe, ſhe took of the Fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave alſo to her Husband, and he did eat thereof.

And ſo the Eyes of them both were opened to the outward, but came

came to be blind to the inward; and then they knew they were outwardly naked; and they ſewed Figleaves together, and made them Aprons.

Now their Eyes were downward, through their Diſobedience to the Voice and Command of God; for their Eyes were far above before Tranſgreſſion, whilſt they kept in Obedience to God's Command; they ſaw then no Nakedneſs, neither were they terrified or troubled at God's Appearance, nor had they any Shame: But after they had broken the Command of God, they heard the Voice of the Lord God, walking in the Garden in the cool of the day; and *Adam* and his Wife hid themſelves from the Preſence of the Lord God, amongſt the Trees of the Garden; which Hiding and Fear was the Fruits of their Diſobedience to their Maker.

And when the Lord God called unto *Adam*, and asked him, *Where he was?* he ſaid, *I heard thy Voice in the Garden, and I was afraid, becauſe I was Naked, and I hid my ſelf.*

And the Lord ſaid unto *Adam*, *Who told thee, thou waſt Naked? Haſt thou eaten of the Tree which I commanded thee, thou ſhouldſt not eat of?* And *Adam* ſaid, *The Woman which thou gaveſt to be with me, ſhe gave me, and I did eat.*

And the Lord God ſaid unto the Woman, *What is this that thou haſt done?* And the Woman ſaid, *The Serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.*

So here came the firſt finding fault, the Woman found fault with the Serpent, and the Man with the Woman after Tranſgreſſion. But whilſt they kept in Obedience to the Voice and Command of the Lord, there was no ſuch finding fault.

And the Lord God ſaid unto the Serpent, *Becauſe thou haſt done this, thou art Curſed above all Cattel, and above every Beaſt of the Field, and upon thy Belly ſhalt thou go, and Duſt ſhalt thou eat all the dayes of thy Life.*

And then the Lord ſaid, *I will put Enmity betwixt thee and the Woman, and between thy Seed and her Seed; It ſhall bruiſe thy Head, and thou ſhalt bruiſe his Heel.*

And unto the Woman the Lord ſaid, *I will greatly multiply thy Sorrow, and thy Conception: in Sorrow ſhalt thou bring forth Children:*

dren: and thy Deſire ſhall be unto thy Husband, and he ſhall rule over thee.

So, here began the Sorrow and Anguiſh; and here came the Man to have the Rule over the Woman, after Tranſgreſſion; for they were Meet-helps before Tranſgreſſion, in the Image of God.

And unto *Adam* the Lord ſaid, *Becauſe thou haſt hearkned unto the Voice of thy Wife, and eaten of the Tree which I commanded thee, ſaying, Thou ſhalt not eat of it, Curſed is the Ground for thy ſake; and in Sorrow ſhalt thou eat of it all the Dayes of thy Life.*

Here the Serpent tempted the Woman to eat, and the Woman gave unto the Man, and he hearkned unto her Voice.

So they both forſook God's Voice and Commandment; and then that brought them into Sorrow, by hearkning to the Serpent, who was Out of Truth, and diſobeying the Voice and Command of the God of Truth.

So this brought the Curſe upon the Ground, for mans Diſobedience; and ſo, in Sorrow he was to eat of that which the Curſe had come upon by their Tranſgreſſion, all the dayes of his Life, and Thornes and Thiſtles the Ground ſhall bring forth to *Adam* and *Eve* in the Tranſgreſſion. So inſtead of the Garden and Paradiſe, they had that Ground which was Curſed, for their ſakes, and Thornes and Thiſtles it was to bring forth to them; ſo that they had Thornes and Thiſtles, and the curſed Ground inſtead of Paradiſe, for their Diſobedience; A ſad Change! And the Lord ſaid further unto *Adam*, *In the Sweat of thy Face thou ſhalt eat thy Bread, until thou return unto the Ground, out of which thou waſt taken; for Duſt thou art, and unto Duſt thou ſhalt return again.*

This Man and Woman brought upon themſelves, by hearkening to the Serpents voice, and diſobeying the Command and Voice of the Lord. Therefore the Apoſtle exhorts the *Corinthians, That they ſhould not be beguiled of their Simplicity, as* Eve *was.*

And alſo ſaith, *That the Devil like a Roaring Lyon goeth up and down, ſeeking whom he may devour, whom reſiſt, ſtedfaſt in the Faith.*

For how ſhould *Adam* and *Eve* be otherwiſe, when they had fallen from the Image and Likeneſs of God, the Righteouſneſs and Holineſs, and the Power which God Almighty gave them Dominion in, over all that he had made?

So by Man and Womans Tranſgreſſion, came the Ground to be curſed

curſed for their ſakes, and to bring forth Thornes and Thiſtles, and diſobeying God's Voice and Command, fell from his Image, into the Earth and Duſty part; ſo in that Earthly part, he was with the Sweat of his Brows to get his Bread, till he returned to Duſt again.

And to *Adam*, and to his Wife the Lord made Coats of Skins, and cloathed them. So this was the Lords cloathing of *Adam* and *Eve*, after the Tranſgreſſion of his Command; and their own cloathing, that they cloathed themſelves with, after they had diſobeyed the Lord, and tranſgreſſed his Command, were Figg-leaves, which they had ſtitch't together. And are not all the Profeſſors, and all People in the World, in the Tranſgreſſion, ſewing and ſtitching together ſomething to cover their Nakedneſs with, like their Father *Adam* and Mother *Eve*, who are not covered with the Spirit of God? So all their ſtitch't Garments will not keep them from the Wo and Judgments of God.

And are not all Mankind by Tranſgreſſion, come under the Covering of Beaſts Skins, and Covering themſelves with Figg-leaves, in their Shame, which they had none before Tranſgreſſion? So after they had tranſgreſſed, they put Figg-leaves upon them, which the Natural Sun will ſcorch and dry; and therefore the Lord covered Man and Woman with Beaſts Skins.

And ſince Man and Woman in Tranſgreſſion are grown ſo far in the Luſt of the Fleſh, the Luſt of the Eye, and the Pride of Life, that they cannot tell what to invent to put on, ſince they loſt that Covering, which God Almighty, who made them, covered them withal.

So the Lord drove *Adam* and *Eve* out of the Garden, and ſent them forth to Till the Ground, from whence they were taken; ſo that there was no place for them that had diſobeyed the Voice, and tranſgreſſed the Command of God, to remain in the Garden and Paradiſe of God.

And God placed Cherubims and a flaming Sword, which turns every way, at the Eaſt-end of the Garden, to keep the Way of the Tree of Life; ſo that Man and Woman cannot come in again to the Garden of God, and Tree of Life, but by thoſe Cherubims, and through this flaming Sword.

And now, here all Mankind may ſee what brought the Curſe, and the Miſery, and the Sorrows upon them, and what made the Ground

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to bring forth the Thorns & the Thiſtles, & what was the Cauſe of *Adam*'s miſery & Toyling, that man is to eat his Bread in. All this came through their Diſobedience to the God of Truth's Voice and Command, their Maker & Creator; & by hearkning to the ſubtil Serpent, and obeying his Voice, who was out of Truth, in whom is no Truth, who is the Deſtroyer and Common-Enemy of mans Happineſs.

So the ſubtil Serpent came, ſaying, *Yea*, ſaith he, *hath God ſaid, ye ſhall not eat of every Tree in the Garden?*

So he doth not down-right fall upon the Tree which God had forbidden, but Queries in the General.

And when the Woman told him, they might eat of the Fruit of the Trees of the Garden, but they were not to eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, in the midſt of the Garden, nor touch it, leſt they dyed. For God ſaid unto them, *In the Day that thou eats thereof thou ſhalt ſurely dye.*

This was God's Command and Teſtimony to them, *In the Day that thou doſt eat, thou ſhalt ſurely dye*; and therefore he ſaid, *Thou ſhalt not eat thereof:* And this was God Almighties Teaching, who taught man the Way, how he might live in the Paradiſe of God, and not dye.

And the Serpent's Falſe Doctrine and Teaching was, *Ye ſhall not ſurely dye, if ye eat thereof, but your Eyes ſhall be opened, and ye ſhall be as Gods, &c.*

So here was the firſt falſe Doctrine taught by the World's God, who is out of Truth, who was a Lyar from the beginning, and a Murderer, who taught that Doctrine contrary to the Lord God, which by feeding on it, and obeying his Voice, brought Man and Woman into the Death and Fall, from the Image of God, and to himſelf, who abode not in the Truth.

And *Eve* ſaw that the Tree was good for Food; ſo her Eye went out. Now can that be good for Food, which by eating of it, brought Death, as God had fore-warned them? But the Serpent ſaid, *Ye ſhall not ſurely dye, but be as Gods.*

And the Woman ſaw the Fruit was pleaſant to the Eyes, and to be deſired, and would make one wiſe. So here her Ear went out to hearken to that Lying Doctrine. But how could that be pleaſant to the Eye, or be Deſirable, or make Wiſe, when by eating of it they ſhould ſurely dye? So thinking to be made Wiſe, they be-

came Fools, which brought the Rod upon the Back of them, which alſo comes upon all their Poſterity in the Fall.

But here you may ſee, the Ear went from the Lord's Voice and Command, after the Serpent's Doctrine; and the Eye went out from the Lord, and after that the Mouth went alſo; and then Death ſurely followed, and the Wo, Miſery and Curſe upon the Ground, and the Thornes and Thiſtles ſprung up. And ſo, out of the Garden and Paradiſe of God, Man and Woman was turned and driven: And this they got by Diſobeying the Command of the God of Truth, and hearkening unto, and obeying the Voice of the Serpent, in whom is no Truth.

And ſo, after Diſobedience and Tranſgreſſion of the Command and Voice of God, then came Nakedneſs, when they were fallen from Holineſs and Righteouſneſs, and the Image and Likeneſs of God, which God had made them in, and clothed them withal; and then came Guilt and Shame, and a hiding themſelves among the Trees, and cover themſelves with Figg-leaves, from the preſence of the Lord; but he who is preſent alwayes, and every where, who ſees Man and Woman's going out into the Tranſgreſſion, and convicts them of their Diſobedience to his Command and Word, and of their Tranſgreſſion in eating of that which he forbad them; and then he paſt Sentence on the Woman and the Man, and turned them out of the Garden and Paradiſe, into the Earth, as was ſaid before; and paſſed Sentence upon the Serpent, and curſed him above all Cattel, and all the Beaſts of the Field, and ſaid, *Upon his Belly he ſhould go, and Duſt ſhould be his Meat, all the dayes of his Life.*

So, here is no Promiſe made unto the Serpent, all the dayes of his Life, who taught a falſe Doctrine, aud was the firſt falſe Teacher, Lyar and Murderer; but *Duſt ſhould be his Meat, and upon his Belly ſhould he go*; and was curſed above all Cattel, and every Beaſt of the Field.

But the Promiſe of God was to Mankind, *That the Seed of the Woman ſhould bruiſe the Serpents Head.*

So here was the firſt Promiſe of Chriſt, which all the Faithful hoped for, and believed in, for their Reſurrection out of that fallen Eſtate.

Now whilſt *Adam* and *Eve* were in the Paradiſe of God, and kept God's Commandment, and obeyed his Voice, they were Help-meets

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in the Image of God, both Male and Female; and God gave them Dominion over all that he had made, and bleſſed them, and ſaid, *Be ye Fruitful, and Multiply, and Repleniſh the Earth, and Subdue it; and have Dominion over the Fiſh of the Sea, and the Fowls of the Air, and over the Cattel, and over all the Earth, and over every living Thing that creepeth upon the Earth, and over every living Thing that moveth upon the Earth*; and their Work was to dreſs the Garden, and to keep it, and to ſubdue the Earth, and keep their Dominion in his Power and Image, as he made them.

So here you may ſee, the Work which God commanded Man and Woman to do, whilſt they were in his Image; they were not to be Idle, neither were they to do this in the Sweat of their Brows, nor to eat their Bread in the Sweat of their Brows, whilſt they kept the Command of God, and obeyed his Voice; neither did God ſet the Man over the Woman, whilſt they kept in the Image of God, and obeyed his Voice, and kept his Command, but were Meet-helps; for both had Power, Male and Female, over all the Creatures which God had made, as long as they kept in the Image of God, and obeyed his Voice and Command; but after they diſobeyed God's Voice and Command, and hearkned unto the Serpent's, and ſo were ſubjected under hope of being as Gods, and of being Wiſer than God had made them; and thought that Fruit was good for Food, and to make Wiſe, which brought them ſurely to dye that day they did eat thereof. So *Adam* and *Eve* came to be but dead Gods; and inſtead of being Wiſer, came to be Fools, and got the curſed Ground, and Thornes and Thiſtles, inſtead of Paradiſe.

But ye may ſay, *That* Adam *and* Eve *were alive after this, elſe how could they have Children afterwards?*

Yea, they were alive outwardly, but they dyed from the Image and Likeneſs of God, and Righteouſneſs and Holineſs, which God Almighty made them in, and from that Power, in which the Lord gave them Dominion over all the Works of his Hands.

So the Lord God ſaid, *Thou ſhalt not eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil; for in the Day that thou eateſt thereof, thou ſhalt ſurely Dye.*

But the Serpent ſaid, *If ye eat thereof ye ſhall not ſurely dye.* And they did eat, and diſobeyed the Lord's Voice and Command, and

did ſurely dye; and ſo Death paſſed upon all men, and all dyed in *Adam*.

So God's Teaching is True, who is the God of Truth, and the Serpent's Teaching was a Lye, who was a Lyar from the beginning, and a Murderer; and *Adam* and *Eve*'s becoming as Gods, they were but as dead Gods, according to God's Word; but the Serpent he became their God, and *Adam* and *Eve* his *Slaves*, and their Diſobedient Poſterity, and were plunged and baptized into the Serpent's Image, Likeneſs, Power and Wiſdom, by which man knows not God.

This was the Fruit of their Tranſgreſſion, and Diſobedience to God's Command; and this was the Wiſdom they attained unto, and their Diſobedient Sons and Daughters, by forſaking God's Teaching, and following the Serpent's.

Therefore, as Chriſt ſaid, *Go, Teach all Nations, and Baptize them in the Name of the Father, Son and holy Ghoſt.* Seeing all was dead in *Adam*, and ſo plunged into Death, by diſobeying the Lord, and hearkening unto the Serpent.

So all muſt be baptized with the Baptiſm of Chriſt, with Fire and the holy Ghoſt; and all their Diſobedience, Tranſgreſſion, Sin and Corruption, and their Chaff muſt be plunged down, and burnt up by the Baptiſm of Chriſt, before they can come into the Paradiſe of God, and have Right to eat of the Tree of Life.

So the Serpent is called the *World's God*, the World that lies in Wickedneſs; and he hath made it like a Wilderneſs with his Rough Plants, Bryars and Thorns, that he hath planted in Man and Woman's Tranſgreſſing Heart, which as Chriſt ſaith, *Muſt all be rooted up, every Plant that the Heavenly Father hath not planted.*

Now the Serpent who ſaid, *If they did eat, they ſhould become as Gods*; but by this he brought them into Death by eating of that by which they dyed, and he became God.

And ſo, this God of the World had blinded their Eyes, and makes People *Heathen*-like, ſo as they do not know God; ſo that in proceſs of Time they were led ſo far into Tranſgreſſion, that they made Gods of Stocks, and Stones, and Silver, and Gold, and other Metals.

So that *Adam* and *Eve*, and their Sons and Daughters were far off from being Gods themſelves, when they made Gods of Stocks

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and Stones, and other Creatures, and fell a Worſhipping of them, and worſhipped the Hoſt of Heaven: This was far off from being Gods themſelves, who were ſo far degenerated from the Image of the Living God, as the Lying Teacher, the Serpent, that was out of Truth, had told them, and made them believe, they ſhould be as Gods; but here they became Slaves to him, and to that which the World's God wrought in them, in whom there is no Truth.

For you may ſee, the very *Jews*, who were of the Stock of *Abraham*, *Iſaac* and *Jacob*, when they forſook the Lord God and his Ordinances, and diſobeyed his Voice, how that after they felt his Arm and Power, and ſaw his great Miracles and Wonders, they began to make Gods of Metals, and Wood, and Stone: They would be wiſer, like *Adam* and *Eve*, than God, who had made and taught them. So here their Ears and Eyes alſo went out from the Spirit of God, which he had poured upon the whole Houſe of *Iſrael*, by which they might have kept his Laws, Ordinances and Commands, like *Adam* and *Eve*; and then their Mouthes went to ſwallow down that which the World's God wrought in them; and ſo drunk down Iniquity as the Ox drinketh up Water; and then the Curſe came upon them, and Judgment, Wo and Miſery, and they were like Thorns and Thiſtles one unto another, which Sprung out of the curſed Ground of Tranſgreſſion, of which they had enough both inwardly and outwardly; and ſo loſt the Bleſſing both inwardly and outwardly, that the Heavens were as Braſs to them, and the Earth as Iron, all Springs being ſtopt, both above and below.

And therefore came God's Judgments upon the *Jews*, until they were driven out of the promiſed Land of *Canaan*, as *Adam* and *Eve* were driven out of Paradiſe, for diſobeying God's Voice and Command.

And now, you may ſee what hath made Man and Woman blind, even their forſaking and diſobeying the Living God of Truth, that made them, and by hearkning unto, and following the World's God, in whom there is no Truth; it is he that hath blinded Man and Woman, and filled them with his earthly and ſenſual Wiſdom, by which man doth not know God.

And therefore, Chriſt the promiſed Seed, which bruiſeth the Head of the Serpent, which all the Prophets and Holy men of God had Faith in: It is he that opens the Eyes of the Blind; ſo the Lord God

God of Truth he made all Good and Bleſſed, and made Man and Woman to ſee, but the Worlds God hath blinded them by diſobeying the God of Truth, and hearkening to the Serpent, the World's God, in whom there is no Truth, and hath brought them into the Curſe; and by diſobeying God, they loſt and fell from his Image, and came into the Duſt and Death: And by diſobeying the good God, who made all good, and obeying the Serpent, the World's God, he makes all bad.

For the Lord God that made Man and Woman Perfect and Upright in his Image, in Righteouſneſs and Holineſs, and ſo to be like him their Father. And Man and Woman by diſobeying the Lord God of Truth, his Command and Voice, and obeying the Serpent, the World's God, that abode not in the Truth, and in whom there is no Truth, that makes them ſo Imperfect, Unholy, Unrighteous and Ungod-like; not like God the Father of Truth (the Creator of all, who takes care and feeds and nouriſhes all) but like unto the Serpent, to bear his Image, and do his Works. So the Devil is their Father, as Chriſt ſaid to the *Jews*. So they have the very Image of their Father, who is out of Truth, and was a Lyar and a Murderer from the beginning, that obey him.

For whilſt *Adam* and *Eve* obeyed the Voice and Command of the Lord God, they abode in his Image, and were in the Likeneſs of God their Creator.

But when they diſobeyed the Voice of the Pure, True and Living God, and obeyed the Serpent, the World's God, then they came to be like him, in his Image, as the *Jews*, which forſook the Law of God, and the Voice and Command, and the Laws of God.

Chriſt told them, *They were of their Father the Devil, and his Luſts they would do, though they profeſt* Moſes *and the Prophets, and that they were of* Abraham.

And ſo may many that are call'd *Chriſtians* now, profeſs themſelves *Chriſtians*, and make a Profeſſion of Chriſt and the Apoſtles words; but if they were of Chriſt and the Apoſtles, they would do the Works of Chriſt and the Apoſtles. But let the *Chriſtians* and others examine themſelves, if they be not erred from that Spirit, which the living God of Truth doth pour upon all Fleſh, by which they ſhould hear the Voice of God and Chriſt, and obey his Command, and have hearkned unto the Foul, Unclean, Murdering Spirit of the World's

World's God, in whom there is no Truth, and lent their Ears and Eyes after his Teaching, and feed upon that which he works in them; and inſtead of being Saviours upon *Mount Zion*, they are Deſtroyers of one another, and Enemies unto one another inſtead of loving Enemies, or one another. And ſo, are not the Fruits of this Spirit manifeſt to be from this Foul Unclean Spirit, the World's God, in whom there is no Truth, and not from the Living God of Truth?

So it is clear, It is not the Profeſſion of the *Jews*, which profeſs the old Teſtament, nor the *Chriſtians* that profeſs the New, with that Foul, Unclean, Murdering Spirit; but it is the Fruits and the Works that are wrought by the Spirit of Chriſt and the Apoſtles, the Fruits and Works of the Spirit that God accepts, that makes *Jews* in *Spirit*, and true *Chriſtians*, like Chriſt.

For all the Children of *Adam* may make a profeſſion of their Father and Mother being in Paradiſe, whilſt that they are out of it, ſerving the World's God, that makes them blind, and fills them with Sin and Unrighteouſneſs, and ſo are Unlike the Living God of Truth, but are like the World's God, that is out of Truth. And this the *World's God* cauſeth them all to plead for the Body of Sin and Death, and Imperfection, which he hath wrought in them (and not the Living Pure God) as long as they live, till they come to the Grave.

But the Living God of Truth did not make *Adam* and *Eve* with a Body of Sin and Death, and Blind, nor Unrighteous, Ungodly and Unholy, not like as the World's God hath made them; but the Living God of Truth made man to ſee and hear him, & in his Image and Likeneſs, Holy, Righteous and Perfect, without Sin and a Body of Death; but they diſobeying the Living God, and obeying the Serpent, the World's God, came to be Blind, Imperfect, Unrighteous and Unholy, like the World's God, and ſo came to have a Body of Death and Sin; and ſo fell from Life into Death, and ſo worſhipped the Dragon and the Beaſt, and Gods of their own making; For the World's God hath ſeveral wayes to keep his Subjects in, and will let them profeſs what they will, and have what outſide ſhews they will; and this World's God hath his Miniſters, his Prophets, his Paſtors, his Teachers, and his Apoſtles, all falſe, who got amongſt the *Jews*, and got amongſt the *Chriſtians* before the

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Apoſtles deceaſe, and he will let them make as many Faiths and Creeds as they will, to profeſs, ſo long as they come not into the Poſſeſſion of Life.

But the Faith that is the Gift of God, which Chriſt is the Author of, that is the Victory over the World's God, which purifies the Heart, and brings them to have acceſs to God; this Faith that gives the Victory, the World's God and his Meſſengers and Miniſters cannot endure to hear tell of.

Nor believe in the Light, which is the Life in him, the Word, by whom all things were made, by which they come to be born of God, and Children of Light, and by it Overcome the World. This the World's God, and his Miniſters, Prophets and Apoſtles cannot endure to have ſpoken of; but call it a *Natural Light*, and *A Made and Created Light*, and *Inſufficient:* though Chriſt ſaith, *He that believes is Saved*; but the World's God and his Miniſters tell People, *It is not ſaving:* But the World's God is not changed from his Lying; *For when he ſpeaks, he ſpeaks of himſelf, and there is no Truth in him*, ſaith Chriſt.

For you may ſee, he told *Eve, They ſhould not dye, if they did eat, but ſhould be as Gods:* But the Living God of Truth told them, *In the day that they did eat, they ſhould dye.*

So the World's God is the ſame now, who tells you, *The Light within* (which is *the Light of Chriſt*) which you are to believe in, is not ſaving.

But Chriſt, who deſtroyes the World's God, the Lyar, he ſaith, *Believe in the Light:* And ſaith the Lord, *He that believeth is ſaved:* And the God of Truth ſaith, *Be ye Holy, for I am Holy: Be ye Perfect, as your heavenly Father is Perfect*, ſaith Chriſt; and this was to be whilſt Men and Women were upon the Earth.

For God made Man and Woman Holy and Perfect by Chriſt Jeſus, who comes to bruiſe the Serpent's Head, that made Man and Woman Unholy and Imperfect, and to deſtroy the Devil and his Works, and was made Sin and a Curſe, to take away Sin and the Curſe, that through him, they who believe might be made the Righteouſneſs of God in him.

But the World's God, and his Meſſengers and Miniſters ſay, *None ſhall be Holy, nor be Perfect on this ſide the Grave; none ſhall be ſo Baptized, as to have all their Chaff and Corruptions burnt up in the Floor*

Floor of their Hearts, whilſt they are on this ſide the Grave, but they muſt have Sin in them, to humble them. But Sin lifts up, and doth not humble any.

And ſo here again, the World's God and his Meſſengers and Teachers ſpeak a Lye; for there is no Truth in him, who was a Lyar from the Beginning.

And the Apoſtle ſaid, *They were circumciſed with the Spirit, by which the Body of the Sins of the Fleſh was put off.* But the World's God, and his Apoſtles, and Miniſters, and Meſſengers ſay and preach, *That all muſt carry this Body of Sin and Death to the Grave:* This is the Doctrine of the World's God and his Teachers, in whom there is no Truth, who hath brought this Body of Sin and Death upon Man through man's hearkening and obeying of him, and diſobeying the Voice and Command of God.

For without Holineſs none can ſee the Lord.

So the World's God, in him there is no Truth, who is a Defiler, Corrupter, Murderer and a Lyar, and makes men Lyars and Murderers; the Ungodly One, and ſo makes unlike God them that obey him; the Unrighteous and Evil One, and ſo makes thoſe Unrighteous and Evil like himſelf that obey him; and the Unmerciful and Wicked One, and ſo makes all his Unmerciful and Wicked, like himſelf, that obey him. And ſo the World's God is an Enemy, an Adverſary, a Deſtroyer, and ſo makes men Enemies and Adverſaries one unto another, and Deſtroyers one of another, by obeying and hearkening unto him.

And the World's God leads People into Adultery inwardly and outwardly, and into Fornication, Theft, and all manner of Deceit; for he is a Lying Unclean Spirit, in whom there is no Truth; and ſo leads them into the Luſt of the Eye, Luſt of the Fleſh, and into the Pride of Life, and into the World's Vanities and Evil Ways; and all this is of the Devil, the Deſtroyer, and not of the Living God, the God of Truth, who created all for his Glory, and takes Care for all.

For God, the Creator of all, is the Living, Righteous and Eternal Everlaſting God; but the World's God had a Beginning, and muſt have an End in the Lake of Fire, and all his Followers, if they turn not from him, and obey the Living God.

So the Living Eternal God is the Creator and Preſerver, a Holy,

Pure, Juſt and Righteous God, Everlaſting, Immortal and Eternal, who lives forever, who is without Time, and over Time, and hath all Times and Seaſons in his Hand, a perfect and pure God, holy and glorious, full of Riches eternal.

But the World's God, that is out of Truth, in whom there is no Truth, is a Deſtroyer, and brings into Poverty, Death and Darkneſs, and is the Prince of Darkneſs, and maketh all Dark like himſelf, that obeyes him, and ſo cometh under the Power of Death.

But the Living, Eternal, Omnipotent God is the God of Truth, who is Light, and in him there is no Darkneſs at all, a Holy Eternal Spirit, that fills Heaven and Earth; and Heaven is his Throne, and the Earth is his Footſtool: He is to be worſhipped and ſerved in his holy Spirit and Truth, that he pours out upon all Fleſh, which Truth the World's God (the Devil) is out of, in whom there is no Truth.

So they that worſhip the Holy and Everlaſting Eternal God in God's Spirit and in his Truth, then they are in that Truth which is atop of the Head of the World's God, which Truth he is out of, and there is no Truth in him.

And the Apoſtle ſaith, *The Prince of the Power of the Air, the Spirit that now worketh and ruleth in the Hearts of the Children of Diſobedience*, Epheſ. 2. 2.

And Chriſt calls him, *The Prince of this World*, John 12. 31. & 14. 30. & 16. 11.

So the Prince of this World is judged, and now ſhall the Prince of this World be caſt out; *for the Prince of this World cometh, and hath nothing in me*, ſaith Chriſt.

Now here all may ſee the Prince of this World is judged by Chriſt, and caſt out; he finds no Diſobedience in Chriſt, as he did in *Adam* and *Eve*.

So all may ſee how this Prince of the World, that lies in Wickedneſs, how he got into *Adam* and *Eve* by their Diſobedience; and he got into the *Jews* by Diſobedience to God's Command, and Spirit which he gave them; for Chriſt ſaid, *They were of their Father the Devil*: and he hath gotten into the *Chriſtians* ſince by their Diſobedience to the Command and Voice of God and Chriſt Jeſus, and the Spirit which he hath poured forth upon all Fleſh; but Chriſt judges

judges him, and casts him out; and though he came to Christ to tempt him, yet he finds nothing in him.

Now this Prince of Death and Darkness, which compasseth the old Earth of Disobedience, and is a Ruler and Worker in the hearts of the *children of disobedience*, and brings his Obedient People to walk and to have Conversation according to the Prince of the Power of the Air, that works in them, and rules in them, to fulfil the Lusts of the Flesh, and the Desires of the same, in which Nature they are Children of Wrath; and he works in them, and fills them with all manner of Evil and Blasphemy against God and Christ, and them that dwell in him, and have their Habitation in Heaven.

So all may see, that believe in the Light of Christ, the Beginning of this Princes Kingdom, and the Height of his Authority, which was begun in and by the Disobedience of *Adam* and *Eve* to God's Command and Voice; and he still rules in the Hearts of all the Disobedient to God and Christ, and to his Spirit, Grace and Truth; and through men's Disobedience thereunto, this God of the World's Kingdom is upheld and enlarged.

I say, to such as disobey the God of Truth's good Spirit, and rebel against it, and vex and quench it, into the Hearts of such Disobedient Ones the *God of the World*, in whom is no Truth, gets into.

For the Spirit of God, if Man did obey it, and hearken unto it, it would be found stronger than that foul Spirit that is out of Truth, that rules in the Disobedient Ones.

And likewise, they that do err from that Faith that is the Gift of God, and that Christ Jesus is the Author and Finisher of, and do hate the Light of Christ Jesus, which Christ commands them to believe in, and walk despightfully against the Spirit of Grace, and despise the Word of Grace in their Hearts, and resist the Motions of the Holy Ghost, and disobey the Gospel, the Power of God, and will not receive it; such disobedient ones the God of the world, and Prince of the Air and of Darkness, is the Worker and Ruler in their Hearts, and their Conversation is according to the Prince of the Power of the Air, the God of this World; so that they are conformable to him, and bear his Image and Likeness in them, and are not conformable to God nor Christ, and bear not their Image; so that they shew forth in their Words, Wayes, Lives and Con-

verſations whoſe Image they bear, and what God and Prince they plead for, and worſhip, and ſerve, to wit, *The God of this World, in whom there is no Truth:* For his Sin, Evil, Ungodlineſs and Unrighteouſneſs, Imperfection and Body of Sin and Death to the Grave they plead for, and ſay they muſt carry about them. And this God and Prince of the World will allow them to profeſs all the Scriptures of the old and new Teſtament, ſo that they will plead for his Works, that he, the World's God, that is out of Truth, hath wrought in them.

Now here all are left without Excuſe, that come under the Judgment of God and his Son, who judges the World in Righteouſneſs: For *Adam* had ſomething to diſobey, and ſo had the *Jews*, and the *Chriſtians* and all Mankind. For the Light, which Chriſt doth enlighten every one that cometh into the World withal, which is the Life in him, by whom all things were made and created, which if they believe in it, they are ſaved; and if not, they are by it condemned.

So this Light is ſtronger than the Prince of Darkneſs, the World's God, that is out of Truth, if People will believe in it.

Alſo, the Grace and Truth that comes by Jeſus Chriſt, it is ſufficient to teach and bring Salvation. *Paul* had the Experience of it; and God ſaid, *It ſhould be ſufficient for him in all his Temptations and Troubles.*

I ſay, This Grace and Truth is too ſtrong for the Prince of Darkneſs, the World's God, who abode not in the Truth, and there is no Truth in him. And it is ſufficient to teach People, and bring their Salvation: And it is the World's God and his Followers that ſay to the contrary.

For the true and living God and his holy Apoſtle ſay, *It is ſufficient to teach them, and bring their Salvation.*

Likewiſe, the Word of Faith, which Jeſus Chriſt is the Author and Finiſher of, *is ſufficient to ſave*, as Chriſt often ſaid, *Thy Faith hath ſaved thee, and made thee whole.* And this Faith is ſufficient, and gives Victory over the Prince of the Air, the World's God; and that which gives Victory over him, and doth reſiſt and ſubdue him, that Shield is ſtronger than he and all his Followers.

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And alſo, the holy Ghoſt, or holy Spirit, and the Unction within, it is ſufficient to teach and lead into all Truth, which comes from the Holy One, and proceeds from the Father and the Son; I ſay, this is ſtronger than the World's God, and Prince of Death and Darkneſs, in whom there is no Truth, who is an Unclean Spirit. This Holy, Pure, Clean Spirit and Unction from the Holy One, is too hard and too ſtrong for that Unclean Spirit, that leads all the Diſobedient out of Truth; but this Holy Spirit leads the Obedient into all Truth.

And as to the Light, Spirit and Power, People may reſiſt the Motions of it in loving the Prince of Darkneſs (the World's God) more than the Light, and the Eternal, Immortal, Living God of Truth, and Chriſt the Prince of Life; but the Light and Spirit is ſtronger than they, and the World's God, whom they ſerve.

The Light it ſelf will be their Condemnation, and by the pure holy Spirit and Power they will be judged; for Chriſt does judge the World, according to the Goſpel, the Power of God; and who believe in it, and receive it, this Everlaſting Goſpel, the Power of God, is over the Prince of the World, and of Death and Darkneſs, the *world's God*, in whom there is no Truth; and is ſtronger than he whoſe dark unclean ſpirit and power had a Beginning, and muſt have an End in the Lake of Fire; but the Power of God, the *Goſpel*, is Everlaſting, and without End, though it hath a Beginning in men, to the ſaving of them: and therefore it is called, *The Goſpel of Salvation*: But in it ſelf the *Goſpel*, the *Power of God*, is Everlaſting; and the Light, which is the Life in Chriſt, in it ſelf is Everlaſting; and they that believe in it, come to have Everlaſting Life.

And the *Word of God* in it ſelf is Everlaſting, and is a Hammer, and a Sword, and a Fire upon the Head of the *World's God*, and them that conform to him, and follow him.

And the *Truth* and the *Spirit of God* in themſelves are Everlaſting; though men may quench the Motions of it in their Hearts, that love the *World's God*, the Prince of the Air, more than Chriſt Jeſus, the Prince of Life, and the Eternal, Immortal, Everlaſting God of Truth.

And this World's *God* and *Prince of the Air*, in whom there is no Truth, as Chriſt and the God of Truth hath declared; and if there

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be no Truth in this World's God, the Prince of the Air, then what is in him? Nothing but Chaff, Corruptions, Sin, Deceit and Lyes, Falſhood, Envy, Malice, Hatred, Theft, Murder, Death, Darkneſs, Bondage, Ungodlineſs, Unrighteouſneſs and Unholineſs from this foul unclean ſpirit, by which he burdens and imbondages the Creation, and makes it to groan, and all that obey him, and diſobey God and Chriſt.

And whoſoever obey that unclean ſpirit, or touch it, or joyn to it, in whom there is no Truth, are defiled, and brought into Bondage by it, and under a weighty Yoke and heavy Burden. And therefore Chriſt ſaith, *Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy loaden, and I will give you Reſt unto your Souls; for my Yoke is eaſie, and Burden light.*

And this Prince of the Air and God of the World, who is out of Truth; he hath his dark Principalities and Powers, and Rulers of Darkneſs, and ſpiritual Wickedneſs in his high Places in the old Earth; and he fills them full of Air in Words, and Notions, and Imaginations, and puffs them up with Lyes and Deceit in his dark Power, and Principalities, and ſpiritual Wickedneſs in his high Places in the Earth, where dwells his Unrighteouſneſs, with which he maintains and upholds his Kingdom of Darkneſs and Death.

So with this his dark Power and Principalities he wreſtles with Fleſh and Blood: So this Power of Death, the World's God, he hath Congregations of the Dead, and he hath his dead Faith, for the Diſobedient (which he rules) to make a Profeſſion of.

And he hath his Vain and Deſtroying Religion for them to plead for.

And he hath his Worſhip, which is out of God's holy pure Spirit and Truth, for his Diſobedient Ones to ſerve and worſhip him in, in whom there is no Truth: *for the Prince of the Air, the World's God, is an Unclean Spirit, out of Truth, and hath no Truth in him.*

And he hath his Dead Wayes to lead them in that diſobey God's Grace, Truth, Light and Spirit. And hath a Faith to his Followers, but it is dead, and gives no Victory. And a Belief, but no Overcoming on this ſide the Grave the World's God, that is out of Truth: Nay, rather their Belief is, *That they have a Body of*

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Sin and Death, which they muſt carry to the Grave; which Faith and Belief, and Body of Sin they have from the World's God, and not from the Living God of Truth; and it is not like the World's God, in whom there is no Truth, ſhould work any other Faith or Belief in them, or any thing elſe but this Body of Death and Sin, when they diſobey the Living God of Truth, which gives the Living Faith, that is the Victory.

And the Worlds God, and the Prince of the Air, will ſuffer his obedient ones, in whom he works and Rules, to talk of Baptiſm and Circumciſion; but they muſt not believe, that their Body of Death, and Sins of the Fleſh muſt be put off, which the God of the World hath wrought in them ſince they diſobeyed the living God of Truth, whilſt they are on this ſide the Grave; but thoſe works which he hath wrought in them, they muſt carry to the Grave with them; and that the Floor of their Hearts, Minds and Souls ſhall not be throughly purged whilſt they be upon the Earth, but that they muſt be purged in a Purgatory, when they are dead; and whilſt that they are upon the Earth, they cannot do otherwiſe than Sin, that is, to do the Work of the God of the World, that is out of Truth, and not the Works of the Living Holy God of Truth.

And Chriſt, who ſaith, *Believe in the Light*, and ſerve him in his Living, Holy, Pure Spirit and Truth, which the World's God, that Unclean Spirit is out of, and there is no Truth in him. Yea, this World's God will ſuffer his Meſſengers, Miniſters and Profeſſors to cry againſt Sin, as much as they will, and preach up Sanctification and Redemption, but they muſt not be made free from Sin, nor Cleanſed, nor Sanctified, nor Redeemed, or to be made Clean from this World's God, and the works which he, the Prince of the Air hath wrought in them, whilſt they be upon the Earth.

And *they muſt not have any Aſſurance of their Salvation and Redemption from Sin, or Election here:* This is the Prince of the Airs Doctrine, who is out of Truth, that he hath taught his Miniſters, Meſſengers and Apoſtles to preach and teach, in his dark School of Diſobedience, and that *there is no Victory over this Prince, the World's God, and his Works, whilſt they are upon the Earth, nor overcoming of him that is out of Truth.*

And now, as he hath gotten *Adam* and *Eve* into disobedience by his subtilty, so by his subtilty he would keep in Disobedience, and Death and Darkness all his Children and Servants.

And therefore, if any witnes Victory or Overcoming on this side the Grave of the World's God, and that which he hath wrought in them, and to have the same Power and Spirit the Prophets and Apostles had; this is called Presumption by the World's God, and the Disobedient that he rules in, and called by them, *A Justifying of self.*

And to have an Assurance of their Election, and Salvation, and Life Eternal here, as Christ the Truth saith, *They have that receive him, and believe in him.*

This shakes the Kingdom of the World's God, in whom there is no Truth, and makes his Followers that disobey God's Spirit and Command to Rage against it.

Now the God of the World is called, *The Prince of the Air, who works and rules in the Hearts of the Children of Disobedience*; and all the disobedient Ones walk according to the course of this Prince of the Air, and Wickedness, who is out of Truth; and he works in them by his Unclean Spirit, and fills them with Airy Notions and Conceits, which he hath in store for them; and with Wickedness, Death, Darkness, Corruption, Vanity, Folly, Looseness, and all Unrighteousness, Debate & Deceit; by this his Unclean Ravenous Spirit, he fills them with Airy Notions, Words and Lives, and with Drunkenness, Whoredoms, and all manner of Uncleanness and Wickedness, that proceed from this Unclean Spirit, that is out of Truth, and to spend their Time out of Gods Fear, in Wantonness, Pleasures, Sports, Playes, Vanities, Voluptuousness in Meats, Drinks and Apparel, in Idleness, and all manner of Looseness in Conversation, with all Covetousness and Greediness, Devouring and Destroying the Creatures, and the Creation upon their Lusts, with all Greediness and Oppression, Injustice, Unrighteousness, Unmercifulness, Unholy, Untemperate, Impatient, Cruel & Tyrannical, and with all manner of Evil the God of the World works in them, that disobey the Living God of Truth, and Christ his Son: The Fruits of this Evil Spirit are easily seen, and known by them that obey the Lord in his Spirit, Light, Grace and Ttuth.

And he is called the Prince of the Air, for his Kingdom and Empire

pire had a beginning in the Disobedient; for by Disobedience he got into *Adam* and *Eve*, in the Disobedient he Rules and Works with his Dark Power and Spirit, and sets up his Principalities, who is out of Truth, and there is no Truth in him.

Now to know the Beginning of his Empire, its Height, Length, Breadth and End.

First, He got into *Adam* and *Eve* by Disobedience, and so into his Sons and Daughters, both *Jews* and *Christians*, and others; and so rules in the Hearts of the Children of Disobedience; his Rule and his Work goes no farther; for none are conformable to him, but who are Disobedient; and none walk after his Unclean Spirit, but who disobey God's pure Spirit, Grace, Light and Truth.

So, the Compass, Length and Breadth of his Empire and Kingdom, and his Work reacheth no farther than to and over these that disobey the Grace, Light, Spirit and Truth, Voice and Command of the Living God, and his Son Christ Jesus.

Now the Height of this God of the World, and Prince of the Air's Empire and Kingdom, with all his Principalities, Powers, Rulers of Darkness, Spiritual Wickedness in his high Places, do not reach so high as the Truth, for he is out of it, for there is no Truth in him, and Truth is over him and his Followers; neither doth his Kingdom or Principality reach so high as Righteousness, nor so high as the Light and the Power of God, nor Life; for the Prince of the World, the World's God, is Death and Darkness, Unrighteousness and Uncleanness, and is an Unholy, Foul, Dark, Lying Spirit, and is comprehended with the Truth, and with the Light and Life, and his Unclean Kingdom of Death and Darkness. I say, he and his Kingdom, Empire and Princedom, with all his Dark Powers, Principalities and Rulers of Darkness in the disobedient, his Beginning is seen, his Compass is seen, his Height is seen, his End is seen in the Lake and Fire, together with all the Disobedient that follow and serve him.

Now Christ is a Prince of Life, and a Prince of Peace, who is called Light and Life, and the Wisdom of God, and Righteousness, and the Holy One, *&c.*

He bruiseth the Head of this World's God and Prince of the Air, that is out of Truth, and breaketh his Power to pieces, and he opens Peoples Eyes and Ears, that this World's God hath stopt and blind-

ed, and Cleanſes and Sanctifies, Purifies and Waſhes ſuch as this World's God hath Defiled, and Redeems ſuch as believe in him, that this World's God hath taken Captive, and leads him into Captivity: And *he gives Gifts unto men, who aſcended up on High, far above all Principalities, Powers, Thrones and Dominions.*

So Chriſt gave Gifts unto men, firſt unto his Twelve and Seventy, before he was Crucified and Aſcended.

And it is alſo clear, that Chriſt gives Gifts unto men after he aſcended, *for the Work of the Miniſtry*, and makes *ſome Evangeliſts, ſome Paſtors, ſome Teachers, and ſome Prophets*, according to the Apoſtles Doctrine, *Epheſ.* 1.

So with theſe Gifts which they have from Chriſt, ſince he was aſcended, and before, they were to bring People to the Knowledge of the Son of God, from whom they had received their Gifts, and who was the Author and Finiſher of their Faith; and then to live by that Faith, in which they had victory & unity; & ſo to a perfect man, the ſtate that *Adam* and *Eve* was in before they fell; and not only ſo, but to the meaſure of the ſtature of the Fulneſs of Chriſt, which is to a higher ſtate than *Adam* was in in his firſt State, which is a ſtate ſhall never fall.

And the World's God he hath his Miniſters, Prophets, Apoſtles and Hirelings, to make a Trade with the Scriptures of the old and new Teſtament, with the natural Languages and Arts; and this they ſell at great Rates, where they can get the greateſt Parſonages or Biſhopricks, or get moſt for it; and they preach up to People, *That they muſt have a Body of Death and Sin to the Grave; and that it is unpoſſible to obtain Victory over Sin here*; which burdens the Creation, and cauſeth it to groan; which Sin came into Man and Woman, and brought the Curſe by their Diſobedience to the Voice and Command of God. And if People will not give them Earthly Things, and put into their Mouthes, and fill their Bellies, which is one of their Gods, ſet up by the World's God, who is out of Truth, then they will caſt ſuch into Priſons. And if the Obedient and Believers in Chriſt tell them, *That they are no Miniſters of Chriſt, but made at Natural Schools, and by Natural Arts and Languages; and are Miniſters only of the Letter of the Old and New Teſtament, with their Imaginations of it, and Interpretations, to make it ſuit the Dark Spirit that is out of Truth, and to keep People in Sin, and in Imperfection,*

Imperfection, which the God of Truth made them not in; and that they never heard Gods Voice, nor Chriſt, as the Prophets and Apoſtles did; for if they did, and had Freely received, they would Freely give, as the Miniſters of Chriſt did: *Oh*, cry the Diſobedient, who walk according to the Prince of the Air, and obey the World's God, that is out of Truth, *That it is Preſumption for any to ſay, they have the ſame Spirit & Power the Prophets & Apoſtles had, and to hear God's Voice as they did: There is no ſuch thing to be looked for now adays, or in their days*; which are the days of Darkneſs, and not of Light.

And the diſobedient Children that faſhion themſelves according to the God of the World, and not according to Chriſt, who is not of the World, the World that lies in Wickedneſs, was brought ſo into this Wickedneſs by the World's God, and by obeying him that is out of Truth, and diſobeying the Living God of Truth: And this World hated and hates Chriſt, and all his Followers and Diſciples to this day, and hated the Prophets, and hates the Appearance of Chriſt Jeſus in his People now; and it is no marvel, becauſe they teſtified, and teſtifie againſt the World, *that their Works be Evil*: And how ſhould it be otherwiſe, when the God thereof is Evil, who abode not in the Truth, and there is no Truth in him?

So, here are two Workers ſpoken of; the Prince of the Power of the Air, the World's God, who worketh by his unclean Spirit in the Hearts of the Children that diſobey God and his holy pure Spirit, *Epheſ.* 2. And he worketh all manner of Uncleanneſs, Sin, Evil, Wickedneſs, Unholineſs, Unrighteouſneſs and Ungodlineſs in the Hearts of all ſuch that do diſobey the Living God of Truth, and his Son Chriſt Jeſus, in his Grace, Truth, Spirit and Goſpel, that he gives them. So that the World's God fills them with Unrighteouſneſs and Uncleanneſs, with his foul unclean Spirit, that is out of Truth; for there is no Truth in him, and he can fill them with nothing elſe.

But the Living, Eternal and Immortal God of Truth worketh otherwiſe; as the Apoſtle ſaith, *It is God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of his good Pleaſure*, Phil. 1. 13.

Now God works in his Obedient Children by his pure holy Spirit, Power, Grace and Truth, both to will and to do that which is good, according to Gods good Pleaſure (to wit) that which pleaſeth the Juſt, Pure, Righteous, Holy God.

So he works Righteouſneſs, Holineſs, Juſtice, Truth, Virtue, Purity, and Godlineſs in the Hearts of Men and Women that obey his good Spirit, by which Spirit Patience, Tenderneſs, Meekneſs, Humility, Soberneſs, Temperance, Mercy and Kindneſs, &c. is wrought in the Hearts of his People, by Gods good Spirit, which brings, *To Love God above all, and their Neighbours as themſelves.*

And the God of Truth, who works in his Obedient Peoples Hearts, to will and to do that which is according to his good Pleaſure; he works out that which is contrary to his VVill, and is not according to his good Pleaſure.

For he worketh all things after the Counſell of his own will, in his People and obedient Children: So, his People *are his Workmanſhip, created in Chriſt Jeſus unto good Works, which God hath before ordained, that his obedient Children and People ſhould walk in them,* Epheſ. 2. 10. So not to walk out of theſe good Works, which God hath ordained, which are not of man's own ordaining.

And ſuch do ſerve the Living God of Truth in the Newneſs of the Spirit, and of Life.

But ſuch as do diſobey the Spirit of the Living God of Truth, they may profeſs they know God, becauſe they can read the Letter of the Prophets, Chriſt and the Apoſtles, which have declared of him, but in their works they deny God, being Abominable and Diſobedient, and unto every good Work are Reprobate.

And let all Profeſſors, Teachers, and others, examine themſelves, Whether they are not ſuch? and then, who is their God, but the God of the World, the Prince of the Air, in whom there is no Truth, when they are Reprobate to every good Work, and Diſobedient, and in their works deny the Living God of Truth, and yet profeſs him with their Tongues? Such diſobedient Ones cannot ſerve the Living God; but the God of the VVorld and the Prince of the Air, who is out of Truth, and in whom there is no Truth, who muſt be deſtroyed, and his Kingdom.

For as I ſaid before, Chriſt bruiſeth his Head and cruſheth his Power, who through Death deſtroyes Death, and the Devil, the Power of it.

And Chriſt ſets up his Kingdom, which is Everlaſting, and ſhall never have an end, and which ſtands in Righteouſneſs, Power and Joy in the holy Ghoſt: So his Kingdom is an Holy Righteous Kingdom,

dom, in his Power, Righteouſneſs and holy Spirit, and is an Everlaſting Kingdom, and is over all Kingdoms and Dominions, and will never have an End; a Kingdom that is eſtabliſhed forever, that cannot be ſhaken.

For no Unclean, Imperfect, Unholy Thing can come into this Kingdom, nor any Diſobedient or Defiled hath any part in it; ſo it is an Incorruptible Kingdom; for no Corruptible, Unclean Thing can come into it; but the Saints, the Sanctified Ones take this Kingdom, and have an Inheritance in this Everlaſting Kingdom.

And therefore, why ſhould any diſobey God's Spirit, Light and Grace, which he hath given them to profit withal, and to inſtruct them, and bring their Salvation; and not ſerve the Creator, but the Devil, who is a Deſtroyer, and Satan, that is, an Adverſary, the Serpent, an Enemy of mans Proſperity and Happineſs, and diſobey the Living God of Truth, and Chriſt his Son, who dyed for you, and to be Servants to the VVorlds God and Prince, who is out of Truth, and there is no Truth in him, whoſe Service is but a Slavery and Bondage in his Unclean Ghoſt, in which there is no true Joy, but Miſery in the End, which is your Reward and Portion, and ſubjects of his Unrighteous, Ungod-like Kingdom of Death, Darkneſs and Corruption, which is an Unholy and Unjuſt Kingdom, which he upholds with his Foul Unclean Spirit, who goes on his Belly, and Duſt is his Meat all the dayes of his Life? and if their God and Princes Meat be Duſt, and he go upon his Belly, then how will you diſobedient Ones, in whom he Rules go? and what is your Meat but Duſt? For do you think you muſt fare better, or go better than your God and Prince, that is out of Truth, and there is no Truth in him, doth? Oh, no; Therefore obey the Truth, which the World's God and Prince is out of; and the pure Spirit of God, that Foul Unclean Spirit is out of; and then you will have heavenly Milk and VVine, and the Honey and Honeycomb, and Bread of Life from Heaven, by which you may live by Chriſt that gives it you, the Prince of Life, who deſtroyes the Prince of Death, and his Followers, that will not have Chriſt to Rule over them.

For doth not the Apoſtle ſay, *That there ſhould be a falling away? And that the Man of Sin ſhould be revealed, that Son of Perdition?* And was he not manifeſt when *Adam* and *Eve* fell away, and the

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Jews fell away? and is he not manifeſt now, when the *Chriſtians* are fallen away from that Power and Spirit the Apoſtles were in? according to their own Confeſſion.

And doth not this Man of Sin Oppoſe and Exalt himſelf above all that is called God, to wit, in Man; and will not let his Obedient Sons, them that are fallen away, and gone after him, who is out of Truth, own the Light of Chriſt, and his Grace, Spirit, Word, Faith and Anointing within them, to ſave and teach them?

But this Man of Sin, the Son of Perdition, ſits in the Temple of God, and ſhews himſelf that he is God; but he is the Diſobedient World's God, that lies in Wickedneſs, and them that be dead in his Sins.

For as Chriſt ſaid to the *Jews*, *God was not the God of the Dead, but of the Living:* And therefore he ſaid, *I am the God of* Abraham, Iſaac *and* Jacob, *who were Living*. Though Chriſt through Death deſtroyed Death, and the Devil, the Power of Death, who had brought People out of Life and Truth, into Death: But Chriſt is a quickening Spirit, and makes alive, who is riſen from Death, and is alive, and lives for evermore: And therefore, he is God not only of the Living, but of the Dead, who quickens the Dead, who doth reveal this Wicked Man of Sin, and takes him away, who hath Letted, who hath Exalted himſelf above all that is called God in the Temples of Men and Women, that fall away from the Truth, to him who is out of Truth; but the Lord will conſume him with the holy Spirit of his Mouth, that Unclean Foul Spirit, in whom there is no Truth, and deſtroy that Foul Dark Spirit with the Brightneſs of his Coming. For this World's God, who is out of Truth, Satan, the Adverſary of Mankind, he comes into the Diſobedient to the Truth, with his Lying Signs and Wonders, and with his Power of Deceiveableneſs and Unrighteouſneſs in them that Periſh, becauſe they receive not the Love of the Truth, that they may be ſaved.

So you may all clearly ſee, If People receive the Truth, in the Love of it, this Man of Sin, the Son of Perdition, the World's God, and Prince of the Air, who is out of Truth, and abode not in the Truth, and there is no Truth in him, could never deceive them, nor get into their Temple, to ſit there, if they receive it, and walk in the Love of it; for the Truth is over him, in which they are ſa-

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ved, which they that go from it, to him that is out of Truth, they Periſh, though they may have the Glory of the wicked World from that Foul Unclean Spirit, that is out of Truth, for a Seaſon; but that Glory and Joy will Periſh, and be conſumed and deſtroyed with its God, by the holy Spirit that comes out of the Mouth of the Lord, and through the Brightneſs of his Coming, who is Come and Coming. And Ride on, O Lord, in thy Truth, to conſume the Wicked One, which hath ſprung as the Graſs; ſo that the Workers of Iniquity have flouriſhed to the diſhonour of thy great Name, and the grief of thy good Spirit.

And the World's God hath wrought with this foul unclean Spirit in Peoples Hearts Adultery, Theft, Murder, and all manner of Unrighteouſneſs, Sin and Evil, Ungodlineſs, Wantonneſs, Voluptuouſneſs, and the Pleaſures of this World; and ſuch have their Falſe Looſe Liberty in that Foul Spirit, for a Time; but Eternal Miſery will be the End of it. And ſuch are they that kill the Juſt, though he do not reſiſt them, and kick againſt that which pricks them in themſelves, and are diſobedient to it, and perſecute God's Children and Servants that are led by it, to wit, the good Spirit.

And this was and is the Unclean Path of all the Diſobedient, that follow the old Murderer, the World's God, and Adverſary of Mans Happineſs; and he fills his Diſobedient Ones, and puffs them up, and fills them with Air, Veſſels of God's Wrath, that cannot hold the Living Water; for how ſhould they, when they are diſobedient to God, and Truth's good Spirit?

And then they are thrown down into Hell and the flaming Fire, where they center at laſt; for how can they come into Heaven by following him that is out of Truth, in whom there is no Truth?

For if they come to Heaven, they muſt come to the Grace and Truth, that comes by Jeſus Chriſt, which will turn them to Jeſus Chriſt, from whence it comes, who bruiſeth this Serpent, the World's God's Head, and deſtroyeth him and his Works, who is out of Truth. And therefore, they are not to ſerve him, whom God and Chriſt will deſtroy, but ſerve the Living God, and Jeſus Chriſt, through his Grace, Truth and Spirit, and hear his Voice, and follow him, who will give them Life Eternal.

And the World's God, the Prince of the Air, cannot pluck Chriſt's Sheep out of his Fold, in the Truth; for he is out of Truth, and

and there is no Truth in him: And therefore he is not like to come into Truth, or to meddle with Christ's Sheep in his Fold of Truth. And indeed, that lying, foul, unclean ſpirit, that is out of Truth, cannot prevail upon any, except they firſt diſobey the Voice and Command of God and Chriſt, and err from the Faith, and quench the Spirit, and walk deſpightfully againſt the Spirit of Grace, and hate the Light of Chriſt, and diſobey the Power of God, the Goſpel, and not regard the Word in the Heart and Mouth, and the Truth in the Inward Parts; into ſuch he may enter, and exalt himſelf as God, into their Houſe and Temple, and fill it with his unclean Goods and lying foul ſpirit.

But all they which do live in and obey the Truth, and walk in the Spirit, and do the Word, and receive the Grace, and believe in the Light of Chriſt Jeſus, which is the Life in him, by whom all things were made, and ſo become Children of the Light and walk therein; then they walk in that which condemns the Prince of the Air, the God of the World, and all them in whom he rules. And ſo walking in the Light, Life and Truth, they walk over the Head of him in whom there is no Truth, and ſo in Fellowſhip one with another, and with the Son and the Father, in this Heavenly Light, which is the Life in Chriſt.

Now when Jeſus was led of the Spirit into the Wilderneſs to be tempted of the Devil, and when he had faſted forty dayes and forty nights he was afterwards hungry, and this Tempter ſaid unto him, *If he was the Son of God, command theſe Stones to be made Bread.*

But Jeſus ſaid unto him, *Its written, Man lives not by Bread alone, but by Every Word that proceedeth out of the Mouth of God.*

And again, the Devil takes him up, and ſets him on a Pinacle of the Temple, and ſaid unto him, *If thou be the Son of God, caſt thy ſelf down; for its written, He ſhall give his Angels Charge concerning thee, and in their Hands they ſhall bear thee up, leſt at any time thou daſh thy Foot againſt a Stone.*

And Jeſus ſaid unto him, *It is written, Thou ſhalt not tempt the Lord thy God.*

And again, the Devil takes him up into an *exceeding high mountain*, and ſhewed him all the Kingdoms of the World, and the Glory of them

them, and ſaid unto Jeſus, *All theſe things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worſhip me.*

Then Jeſus ſaid unto him, *Get thee behind me Satan; for it is written, Thou ſhalt worſhip the Lord thy God, and him only ſhalt thou ſerve.*

So here you may ſee, how the Serpent the Devil ſet upon Chriſt, to tempt him to the Creatures, and to deſtroy himſelf, and to worſhip him.

But Chriſt, who bruiſes his Head, and deſtroyes him and his Works, which he had ſet up in Man and Woman, whom he had beguiled by his Temptation, and ſo got into them through their Diſobedience to the God of Truth's Command, elſe he could not.

But here he finds nothing in Chriſt, nor got nothing from him, but Judgment, and Bruiſing his Head, and Deſtroying him and his Works.

So Chriſt, who hath overcome this Tempter, this Adverſary of Man's Happineſs, and under a Pretence, *that Man and Woman ſhould be as Gods*, they falling from the Truth, and departing from it, he getting into their Temple, became God, and there he ſits till he be conſumed with the Breath of the Lord's Mouth, and the Brightneſs of his Coming.

So *we have not ſuch an High Prieſt as cannot be touched with the Feeling of our Infirmities, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without Sin, and no Guile found in his Mouth; who remaineth a Prieſt forever, and is able to ſave to the uttermoſt all that come to God through him.*

So now, it is clear, he that was tempted hath a Feeling of the Infirmities of his People, *in all points tempted Tempted like unto them.* So he is able to ſupport, and to ſuccour them with his Grace, Power, Spirit, Truth and Light over the Head of the Tempter, who ſaith to his Believers, *I have overcome the World, be of good Comfort*; and therefore it is ſaid, *He that believes, overcomes the World and its God*, in whom there is no Truth.

Now the Devil would have given Chriſt the Glory of the World, if he would have fallen down and worſhipped him, who is out of the Truth, and in him is no Truth.

Now what Glory of the World was this he would have given to Christ, the Truth? *It is his World of Wickedneſs, that lies in Unrighteouſneſs, which he hath made like a Wilderneſs*; ſuch Kingdoms and ſuch Glory he would have given him, and then Chriſt, who was the Truth, muſt have gone out of Truth, if he had worſhipped him, that was out of Truth, which could not be; *for the Son of God doth not change.*

And none can fall down and worſhip the Devil, the God of the World, who is out of Truth, but they muſt go from the Spirit of God, and from the Grace and Truth in their own Hearts; they muſt fall from this; for this would keep up their Hearts, Minds and Eyes to the God of Truth.

Who reveals his Glory of another World in his People; yea, they are changed from Glory to Glory, till they come into his Image.

But what is the Glory of the World, and its Kingdom that lies in Wickedneſs? What Glory can that be, that the Devil can give, the *World's God*, that is out of Truth, in whom there is no Truth? For *John* ſaith, *All that is in the World, the Luſt of the Eye, and of the Fleſh, and the Pride of Life, which is not of the Father, but of the World, that paſſeth away; and the Luſt thereof, the Pomps and Vanities of the World, the Pleaſures, the Playes, the Shows, the Idleneſs, Gluttonny, Drunkenneſs, Whoredom, and all the Ungodlineſs and Deceit*, that is Unlike God: Who is it like then? Why it is like him, the *World's God*, that is out of Truth, in whom there is no Truth, but *Preſumption* and *Blaſphemy*, a *Lyar and the Father of all Lyars*, who puffs up with Airy Notions his Servants, and fills them with Pride and Wickedneſs, the *Murderer, Perſecutor* and *Deſtroyer*; he hath no other *glory* to give, who is out of Truth, and there is no Truth in him.

For the *Glory* of the Creation is the Lord's, who created it; *for the Earth is the Lord's, and the Fulneſs thereof*, and he gives the Increaſe.

For as Chriſt ſaith, *That* Solomom, the Wiſe Man and Great King, *in all his Glory was not arrayed like one of the Lillies.* So Chriſt ſet up a Lilly beyond and above all *Solomon's Glory*; for the Lilly was arrayed of God, and every Herb, and every Weed,

Weed, and every Tree are arrayed by God with the Glory they have.

The *world's God*, the Devil, the Prince of Darkneſs, he cannot array a *Nettle*, a *Thiſtle* nor a *Thorn*; for he is no Creator, but a Deſtroyer; for the *Eternal God of Truth* is the Creator: But the *world's God* is out of Truth, and a Deſtroyer and an Adverſary to them that keep in Truth.

So the *world's God*, out of Truth, could not give Chriſt the *Glory* of a *Thiſtle* nor *Nettle*; for it was none of his to give to Chriſt nor no man; *For the Earth is the Lord's, and the Fulneſs thereof*, and he gives it unto the Sons of men, and ſo to live upon the Earth, and to ſerve and worſhip him in Spirit and Truth, which the *world's God* is out of.

Now the *world's God*, which is out of Truth, and there is no Truth in him; if ye diſobey God and Chriſt's Voice and Command, and go from his Spirit, and err from it and the true Faith, and hate his Light, and walk deſpightfully againſt the Spirit of Grace, which he hath given to teach you, and bring your Salvation.

Now, I ſay, If men fall down from this Grace, Spirit and Truth, which ſhould keep their Minds up to the God of Truth and Chriſt; and when the *world's God*, Satan, tempts ye, and ſayes, *He will give you the Glory of this World, of Wickedneſs, the Pomps of the World, the Luſts of the Fleſh, and the Luſts of the Eye, and the Pride of Life, Fornication, Whoredom, Drunkenneſs, Theft, Murder, Defraud, Deceit, Cozening, Cheating, and all Unrighteouſneſs, and fill you with ſo much Malice, Envy and Pride, that you Envy one another about it, and think that each one is finer than your ſelves; that no Vain Faſhion can hardly pleaſe your Luſt of the Eye and Pride of Life; and ſo leads into Gluttonny and Drunkenneſs, Idleneſs, Sports, Playes and Shows, and all the Vain Faſhions and Cuſtoms of the World, honouring one another, ſo that you do not honour God, and makes you Mad, and Fight for it and about it.* All this the *World's God* will give unto all ſuch as come to worſhip him; which is not of God, the Father of Truth, but from the World's God, in whom there is no Truth.

Now, you cannot worſhip the *World's God* but in his Unclean Foul Spirit, which is out of Truth, and in whom there is no Truth.

And ye cannot worſhip the True, Living, Eternal, Everlaſting, Pure, Holy God of Truth, the Creator and Maker of all, but in his Holy Pure Spirit, and in his Holy Pure Truth, which the Devil, the Prince of the Air, the World's God, is out of.

And when the *World's God* hath blinded their Eyes, he leads them which way he will into Blaſphemies, Hereſies and Errors, and ſo from one Falſe Way, Faith and Religion, Church and Teacher to another, when they go from the Truth in the Heart, and Grace and Spirit, from Chriſt Jeſus, from whom it comes, and follow him in whom there is no Truth.

Now, in the 8th Chapter of *John* Chriſt deſcribes the Devil, what he was, and what he is, when he ſpoke to the *Jews*, ſaying, *Ye are of your Father the Devil, and the Luſts of your Father ye will do; for he was a Murderer from the Beginning, and abode not in the Truth, becauſe there is no Truth in him.* So he is not like to abide in Truth, when there is no Truth in him. *And when he ſpeaketh a Lye, he ſpeaketh of his own; for he is a Lyar, and the Father of it.*

But now ye may ſay, *The Devil, the World's God, could ſpeak true words, and ſay, Chriſt was the Son of God, and brought Scripture to Chriſt.*

And ſo could the *Jews* to Chriſt, and ſo may the *Chriſtians* now adayes; but what better are they for that, whilſt they are not in the truth, & in the Spirit that they were in that gave forth the Scriptures? for Chriſt will not know ſuch, that are not in the Truth, but are workers of Iniquity; for he knows ſuch that walk in Truth, and in the Spirit, which they have from Chriſt; here they come to have Fellowſhip with him, and he feeds them, and they know his Voice, and follow him, and he keepeth them in the Light, Spirit and Truth.

So all Peoples applying Scriptures, or Promiſes, or Prophecies, whilſt they grieve God's good Spirit in their Hearts, and hate his Light that ſhines there, and walk deſpightfully againſt the Spirit of Grace, and ſo diſobey the Voice and Command of God and Chriſt, ſuch cannot have Comfort of God, nor Chriſt, nor the Scriptures,

nor the Promiſes nor Prophecies of them. But they that walk in the Light, and Spirit, and Grace, and the Goſpel, they have the Comfort of God and Chriſt, and the Prophecies and Promiſes, and of the Scriptures, which Holy Men of God ſpake forth as they were moved by the Holy Ghoſt, which came not by men's Wills; and theſe are for the perfecting of the Men of God, not the Men of the World, which follow the World's God, who are not like to have Perfection by following of him, that is out of Truth, in whom there is no Truth: For, Perfection comes by obeying God in his Grace, Spirit and Truth, and following him, as God and Chriſt commands.

So it is clear, that God Almighty, who is the Creator of all, and made Man and Woman in his Image and Likeneſs, in Righteouſneſs and Holineſs he was their Teacher: But when Man and Woman forſook God and diſobeyed his Voice and Command, and hearkened unto the Serpent's Teaching, and followed him, they came to bear his Image, and to do his Works and Luſts, and not God's, that Murderer from the beginning, and is to this Day a Lyar, Murderer and Perſecutor about Religion, Church and Worſhip.

But the Promiſe of God was to fallen man, *That the Seed of the Woman ſhould bruiſe the Serpents Head*; who is the Head of all falſe Prophets, falſe Teachers, falſe Apoſtles and falſe Religions, Wayes, Worſhips, and falſe Heads of them. And of deſtroying him and his Works, who through Death deſtroyes Death, and the Devil, the Power of it.

And Chriſt ſaith, *Learn of me, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; and no man cometh to the Father, but by me.* And God ſaith, *This is my Beloved Son, hear ye him.*

And ſo, the Apoſtle teſtifies in *Heb.* 1. who ſaith, *God at ſundry Times, and after divers Manners, ſpoke in Times paſt unto our Fathers by the Prophets; but he hath in theſe Laſt Dayes ſpoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed Heir of all Things, by whom he made the Worlds.*

So now, here are three things to be minded in theſe Words: God was the firſt Speaker to *Adam* and *Eve* in Paradiſe; and

as long as they kept under his Speaking and Teaching, they kept the Paradiſe of God, and in that happy and bleſſed Eſtate, in the Image of God, and in his Power, Dominion and Wiſdom, over all things which God had made.

But when they forſook God's Teaching, and followed the Serpents Teaching, the ſecond Speaker, who is out of Truth, in whom there is no Truth, they loſt, and fell from Truth and the Image of God, and the Power in which they had Dominion, and fell from their Perfection, and loſt their Bleſſed State in the Paradiſe of God.

Nevertheleſs, the Promiſe then was, *The Seed of the Woman ſhould bruiſe the Serpent's Head*: And all the Fathers and the Faithfull believed in this Promiſe of God, and dyed in the Faith of it.

And God ſpake by the Prophets to theſe Fathers at ſundry Times, and after divers Manners, in the Old Covenant.

But the Seed being come, which bruiſeth the Head of the Serpent, that falſe Teacher, Lyar, Murderer and Deceiver, who is the Head of all falſe Teachers, Wayes, Religions, Churches and Worſhips; Chriſt, who is the Saviour, and the Life in theſe laſt dayes of the New Covenant of Grace, Light and Life, God hath ſpoken unto us, the Children of the New Covenant, by his Son, the Immortal, Eternal and Living God of Truth, who was the firſt Speaker to *Adam* and *Eve* in Paradiſe, who was the Speaker by the Prophets to the Fathers in the old Covenant, who is the Speaker unto his Children of the new Covenant by his Son, who bruiſeth the Head of the Prince of the Air, and deſtroyeth the Serpent, the World's God and falſe Speaker.

So, the Eternal God of Truth, who was the firſt Speaker, he is the Speaker again unto his People, by his Son now, in theſe latter dayes of the New Covenant, and ſo will be to all Eternity; who by his Son renews his Believers again into the Image of God, as *Adam* was in before he fell; and creates them anew in Chriſt Jeſus, unto good Works, out of the bad Works, that they may come to ſit down in the heavenly Places in Chriſt Jeſus, that never fell, who is the Firſt & Laſt, by whom all things were made and created, who is over all Things,

Things, in his Life, Light, Truth and Righteouſneſs, in his Kingdom of Glory, *Amen.*

AND is not that the Beaſt and Whore, which goeth from the holy Spirit of the God of Truth, and receiveth the Dragons Power, in his Foul Unclean Spirit, whoſe Kingdom is full of Darkneſs, & compelleth all, both ſmall and great to worſhip the Beaſt in the Dragons Power, and the Whore, that is whored from the clean holy Spirit of the God of Truth, which ſits upon the Beaſt, which makes all Nations to drink her filthy Cup of Fornication, and compelleth, and would compel to drink of that foul Cup, and VVorſhip that Dragon, in that foul Spirit, in whom there is no Truth; and would draw People from the Light, and from the Grace, Truth and Spirit, and the VVord and Faith within their Hearts, and compaſſeth all the earthly Minds, though he cannot the heavenly and ſpiritual Minds, whoſe Names are written in the Lambs Book of Life, before the VVorld and his God was; thoſe he cannot get under his dark Power, in whom there is no Truth, though he may draw them that diſobey Chriſt, and the God of Truth?

And was not the Law, and the old Covenant and Teſtament given forth to the *Jews* in their Mother Tongue, from God and his Prophets, and to be read amongſt them in all their Synagogues, and in their Temple in their own Tongue and Language?

And therefore, are not the Scriptures of the New Teſtament and New Covenant to be Tranſlated, and to be Read, Spoken and Interpreted in every man's Language and Mother-Tongue? and they that are againſt it, and do gain-ſay it, are they not *Barbarians*, that ſay, *That all Nations muſt not have the new Covenant and new Teſtament in their own Mother Tongue or Language, Tranſlated to read it?* They are *Barbarians* that do not edifie. And we do know, that the World's God and his Followers would keep People as ignorant from the Scriptures, as to have them in their own Languages, as he would draw every Man and Woman from the Light which Chriſt doth enlighten them withal, to believe in, and to be a Child of Light: And this Light ſhining in their Hearts, to give them the

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Knowledge of God, in the face of their Saviour Christ Jesus, from whence it comes; and to draw men from the Spirit, which God poureth upon all Flesh, and say, *That is not sufficient to instruct them, & to lead them into all Truth*; by which they might profit in the things of God: And to draw them from the Grace and Truth, which cometh by Jesus Christ in their Hearts, *which Grace hath appeared unto all men, to teach them, and bring their Salvation*: But them that follow the World's God, in whom there is no Truth, who is a Destroyer, deny the Grace to be a sufficient Teacher, and to save, and bring Salvation.

And they that walk despightfully against the Spirit of Grace, and turn this Grace of God unto Wantonness, and follow Ungodliness, Unrighteousness and worldly Lusts, they do follow the God of the wicked World, in whom there is no Truth; and then such do crucifie the Just, instead of crucifying their Affections and Lusts, and put on the old Image and the old Man, which is after the God of the World, in whom there is no Truth, and puts off the New, which is after the God of Truth.

And the Apostle *Paul* said, *So fight I, not as one that beateth the Air, but I do keep under my Body, and bring it under subjection, lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I my self should be a Cast-away*: This was the Practice of the Apostle of Christ.

But Satan, the World's God, his Ministers and Teachers instead of keeping under their Bodies, do let them up in all manner of Filthiness, and a beating the Air, and their Fellow-Creatures, and them that serve the God of Truth in his holy Spirit, and spoiling their Goods, and hailing them into Prisons till Death, spoiling them: And this is the Fruits of the Spoiler, the World's God, and the Power of Death, who abode not in the Truth, in whom there is no Truth, which is unlike Christ, who said, *Freely you have Received, Freely Give*, to Christ's Followers, which the World's God and his Followers cannot endure to here of this Command.

And is it not only deceit in those that say, *The Scripture is the Rule of their Faith, Life, Manners and Doctrine*; and yet are found serving the World's God, that is out of Truth, in whom there is no Truth; and cannot endure to hear talk of the Grace of God which

which appears unto all men, to teach them, and bring their Salvation, to be in Man: And cannot endure to hear talk, that Chriſt enlightens every man that cometh into the World with a ſaving Light, to believe in; and that this Light ſhould be in their Hearts, which is ſaving to the Believer in it, and condemns the Unbeliever of it: And cannot endure to hear talk, that God ſhould pour out of his Spirit upon all Fleſh, to inſtruct them, and to lead them, that they may profit in the things of God: And that Chriſt hath taſted Death for every man, by the Grace of God, which hath appeared unto all men, that all might have a Senſe of it: And the Goſpel of Good News and Glad Tidings preached unto and in every Creature under Heaven: And that he through Death deſtroyes Death, and the Devil, the Power of Death. This is Glad Tidings to all People that receive it; but Bad News to the World's God and his Followers, that diſobey the Truth, and him in whom there is no Truth; who manifeſt, that their Words corrupt their Manners, and they are dead in Sins and Treſpaſſes, and ſerve not Chriſt in the New and Living Way. For their Fruits declare their Faith is dead, and their Doctrine not according to Scripture: For they are reproved by the Prophets, Chriſt and the Apoſtles; who confeſs, They have not the ſame Power and Spirit as Chriſt, and the Prophets, and Apoſtles had: But in their own Wills, and in the foul ſpirit that is out of Truth, make a Profeſſion of the Scriptures of the Old and New Teſtament, which came not by the Will of Man, but Holy Men of God ſpake them forth as they were Moved by the Holy Ghoſt.

But at the Moving of this holy Ghoſt, and leading of it into the Truth of the Scriptures, which were given

forth by the Movings of the Holy Ghoſt, ſuch as have ſaid, *The Scriptures are their Rule for their Faith, Life, Manners, Doctrine and Converſation*, have made a Scoff at the Holy Ghoſt's Moving and Leading now, as it did them which gave them forth; and ſuch their Manners, Life, Converſation and Doctrine is quite contrary to the Scriptures, and is reproved by them and by the Holy Ghoſt, that moved upon them that gave them forth.

Now, for Unholy Men, that plead for Sin and a Body of Death to the Grave, & a Purgatory for to cleanſe them in from their Sin, when they are dead; for ſuch to interpret in their Wills, and give Meanings with their unclean Spirit or Ghoſt to the Scriptures, which Holy Men of God ſpoke forth as they were moved by the Holy Ghoſt, and minded no Bodies Wills. For unholy men, with their Wills and unclean Ghoſt, that ſerve the World's God, that is out Truth, how are they like to interpret that, and give Meanings to it, without wreſting or perverting it, that have not the ſame Holy Ghoſt that they had which gave forth the Scriptures, which came not by the Will of Man, but by the Holy Ghoſt, as was ſaid before, which no man can interpret in his Will; nor are they to be led into the Truth of them, which Holy Men gave forth by the Holy Ghoſt, but by the ſame Holy Ghoſt that gave them forth, which leads into all Truth and Good Manners and Converſation; and the ſame Holy Ghoſt gave forth the True Doctrine of the Scriptures.

And this Holy Ghoſt, which Chriſt ſends, leads to him, the Author and Finiſher of their precious Faith, and to God, and to the ſame Faith of *Abraham*, and *Moſes*, and *Enoch*, before the Scriptures were written, which guided them to ſee God, who is inviſible, and to forſake

forſake all, and follow him: And ſo doth the ſame Faith now, and brings to Unity with them, and to the Comfort of the Scriptures with all the Faithful, which God and Chriſt hath declared forth, and they ſee what is fulfilled and what is to be obeyed.

So Chriſt is the Author of their Faith, that doth increaſe it.

Now men being diſobedient to the Spirit of God, and to the Voice of God and Chriſt, and gone from his Light and Grace, and obeying him in whom there is no Truth, they make Prayers for themſelves and for others, and think that the bare ſaying over their Prayers and their Pater-Noſters, and their Praying by Beads and Books, they think that this will pacifie the true God (becauſe ſomething in themſelves diſquiets them) which God doth not accept, the Prayers of ſuch, that Diſobey and Rebel againſt his good Spirit. and obey the evil ſpirit. For all the Prayers that God accepts, they muſt proceed from his own Spirit, which he hath poured out upon all Fleſh.

So God, that is the holy pure God of Truth, muſt be prayed unto in his own holy pure Spirit; and ſuch Prayers and Praiſes he expects, and accepts of; and not the Prayers of the Diſobedient to his Voice and good Spirit, who follow the foul unclean ſpirit, in whom there is no Truth.

And alſo, Men may think to pleaſe the God of Truth by ſaying of Grace, and making of Graces (as they call them) for others to ſay; but they are miſtaken, who walk deſpightfully againſt the Spirit of Grace; it is not their making or ſaying of Graces that makes them Acceptable to God. For the Grace of God, which brings Salvation, hath appeared unto all Men: There-

fore all Men muſt live in that Grace, and obſerve its Teaching, and deny all that which it ſhews them to be Unlike God; and Unrighteous, not like the Righteous; and Unholy, not like the Holy God: and then in this Grace the God of all Grace will accept them, and their Thanks, Prayers and Praiſes for all his Mercies.

But if they walk deſpightfully againſt this Spirit of Grace, and turn this Grace unto Wantonneſs, and then fall a making Graces, and ſaying of them when they have made them, and following the Unclean Foul Spirit, that is out of Truth, and abode not in the Truth, in whom there is no Truth, and doing the Works that this Unclean Foul Spirit works in them, theſe Works and Spirit are for Condemnation (and all them that act in it) by the Light, and are judged by the Spirit of the Living God of Truth?

And the World's God, who is out of Truth, will allow ſuch as diſobey the Truth, and follow his Unclean Spirit, to cry againſt Blaſphemy, when they are themſelves the greateſt Blaſphemers; as for Inſtance: The *Jews*, unto whom Chriſt ſaid, *They were of their Father the Devil*; how they Blaſphemed againſt him, and called him a Blaſphemer, who never ſinned, nor Guile was found in his Mouth: And how ſhould they do otherwiſe, but Blaſpheme, when they diſobey the Truth, and the Spirit of God in their own Hearts, and Blaſpheme both againſt him that was the Truth, and them that walk in the Truth, when they follow the World's God, in whom there is no Truth?

And is it like, that the World's God and his Followers ſhould own Revelation, Prophecy and Inſpiration now-adayes, as the Apoſtles had? Did not he and his Followers call them *Deceivers* then, who with

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the Spiritual Weapons wreſtled not with Fleſh and Blood, but with Principalities and Powers, and Rulers of Darkneſs in High Places, that were ſet up by the World's God, and in his dark old Earth, in whom there is no Truth?

And is it like, that them who follow the World's God, in whom there is no Truth, in that Falſe, Foul, Unclean Spirit, ſhould own the Holy Ghoſt, the Spirit of Truth, that proceeds from the Father and the Son, that ſhould lead them (or the Saints) into all Truth.

And is it like, that the World's God, and them that follow him, in whom there is no Truth, and diſobey the God of Truth, that he and they ſhould own the Worſhip of the God of Truth, in the Holy Spirit and in the Holy Truth, which Chriſt the Truth ſet up above One Thouſand Six Hundred Years ago?

And is it like, that the World's God, which abode not in the Truth, in whom there is no Truth, and his Followers, ſhould own Chriſt, and his True Light, that is the Life in himſelf, with which he lighteth every Man that cometh into the World, and his Doctrine, who ſaith, *Believe in the Light, that ye may become Children of the Light: And he that believeth, is born of God, and overcometh the World*; and ſo overcometh the World's God, in whom there is no Truth. And ſo, do you think, that the World's God and his Followers ſhould own and obey his Doctrine, to have himſelf and his Works overcome?

And is it like that the World's God, which is out Truth, and his Followers, would have people to believe and receive, That Chriſt by the Grace of God

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tasted Death for every man, which the World's God hath brought into Death? And that this Grace of God, which brings Salvation, hath appeared unto all men, to teach them, and bring their Salvation from him that dothdestroy them?

And do you believe, that the World's God, would have People to believe, That Christ through Death destroyeth him (the Devil) who is the Power of Death?

And do you think, that the World's God, who is out of Truth, and in whom there is no Truth, and his Followers, would have all people to believe, That God pours out of his Spirit upon all Flesh, so that with his Spirit all Flesh may see God's Glory, and his Salvation to Mankind, and his Sons and Daughters might come to propheſie, and be Seers and Followers of the God of Truth, and Servers of him in his Spirit?

And do you think, that the World's God, in whom there is no Truth, and his Followers, would have people to own the Revelation of the Son of God now adayes? Or rather keep them in Blindneſs, in his World's Wiſdom, by which they do not know God, seeing that Christ saith, *No Man knoweth the Father, but the Son, and he to whom the Son revealeth him?*

So do you think that the World's God, in whom there is no Truth, would have People to own Revelation now adayes, as it was in the Apoſtles dayes? The Apoſtle tells the Church of Christ, *That Faith was Revealed, and Grace was brought unto them by the Revelation of Jeſus; and no man knew the things of God, but as they were revealed by the Spirit of God*, that is pure and holy. And the Son of God is known by Revelation, as *Paul* knew

knew him; and the Goſpel is known by Revelation; and the Glory of God is Revealed to them that know it 1 *Pet.* 5.

So do you think, that the World's God, that foul, unclean, dark, murdering Spirit, & them that obey him, would have people to own this pure holy Spirit of God, and the Grace, Light and Truth, and the Goſpel, that comes by Jeſus Chriſt, the Spotleſs Lamb, and follow him in it? This is contrary to him and his Kingdom, whom the Spotleſs Lamb deſtroyes, and is the Conqueror, and the Saints follow and live in him the *Amen*; bleſſed and praiſed be the God of Truth forever through Jeſus Chriſt.

The 6th Moneth, 1679. By *George Fox.*

THE END.